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FORM OF LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to the "PHILADELPHIA INFIRMARY FOR DISEASES OF THE EAR," the sum of _____ dollars.

FORM OF DEVISE.

I give and devise to the "PHILADELPHIA INFIRMARY FOR DISEASES OF THE EAR, their successors, and assigns, all that (here describe the real estate particularly intended to be given.)

TRUSTEES.

D. HAYES AGNEW, M. D., HENRY C. TOWNSEND,
FERDINAND J. DREER, LEWIS D. HARLOW, M. D.,
G. C. PURVES.

OFFICERS.

President,

D. HAYES AGNEW, M. D.

Secretary and Treasurer,

G. C. PURVES.

Surgeon-in-charge,

CHARLES H. BURNETT, M. D.



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THIS Institution was incorporated by the Court of Common Pleas of this county, September 15th, 1873, for the purpose, as expressed in its charter, of providing gratuitous medical and surgical treatment for such indigent persons as may be afflicted with diseases of the ear. At the period of its organization, the Infirmary was the first Institution of the kind in the city, and, perhaps, in the country, being the only clinic exclusively devoted to the treatment of diseases of this nature.

It was not, however, until April 1st, 1874, that operations were practically commenced, by the opening of the Infirmary for the reception of patients, at its present location, No. 419 Wetherill Street*; since which time there has been a daily clinic held under the supervision of of the Surgeon-in-charge.

*Since the annual meeting, the Infirmary has been removed to No. 43 S. 17th street, and is open daily, from 12 to 1 o'clock, P. M.

The great benefits that may be afforded by a charity such as this, in relieving the indigent, and, more especially, the needy working classes in this community, will be apparent upon a consideration of the numerous employments in which the loss of, or imperfection in, the organs of hearing may not only seriously interfere with the pursuit of the accustomed avocation, but may result in depriving persons so affected altogether of their situations, and consequent means of support.

In almost all occupations diseases of this nature hinder the performance of the best services in a degree, and, in many cases, the competency and ability to fill positions, attained, perhaps, after years of faithful application, may depend upon a healthy condition of these organs. To secure for these classes in society competent and trustworthy medical and surgical treatment, by specialists exclusively practicing this branch of science, is the object and aim of this organization.

The need of such an institution as this is manifested by the fact that, although the Infirmary has been in operation but a single year, there have been some three hundred and fifty admissions during that time. And it is believed that when an increased pecuniary income, and consequent enlarged facilities for the reception of patients, and a more prominent location* than that at present occupied by the Infirmary, shall make the institution more widely known, its advantages will be extended to a much larger number of the afflicted and suffering.

In order, however, to accomplish all its designs, it is necessary that the Infirmary should have the means of furnishing beds for the accommodation of those serious cases which cannot otherwise be beneficially treated. And, that this may be done, it is earnestly hoped that the number of annual subscribers may be so increased as will speedily afford the means requisite for carrying out these plans.

In conclusion, we desire to acknowledge a generous donation of one thousand dollars from the Executors of the Estate of

Jesse George, deceased; we are under obligations, also, to Mr. James T. Shinn, apothecary, for medicines kindly furnished gratuitously, or at reduced rates, as necessity required; to the proprietors of *The Evening Star*, for an abatement of one-half in advertising, and to those of *The Record*, for a gratuitous advertisement, in their respective papers, and finally to our contributors for that pecuniary aid which has enabled the Infirmary to enter upon its mission.

By order of the Board,

G. C. PURVES,

Secretary.

March 29th, 1875.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON-IN-CHARGE.

TO THE TRUSTEES:

GENTLEMEN:—It is with peculiar pleasure that the following report is submitted, congratulating you on the success of an undertaking heretofore untried in this city, viz :—that of conducting an Institution devoted entirely to the treatment of diseases of the ear. It must indeed become manifest here, as it has in other countries, that the diseases your Infirmary endeavors to relieve are most successfully treated where they are made the chief consideration of the medical attendant, and not subordinated to other maladies. That this fact is beginning to be appreciated in this city, is indicated by the public patronage your Infirmary has met with in its first year.

A number of persons afflicted with other maladies have applied at the Infirmary, but they have been sent to proper places for treatment.

There has been one course of clinical instruction in otology, given during the past winter, in the Infirmary, by the Surgeon-in-Charge, and other courses will be given, throughout the present year. It is with pleasure that we record numerous visits, during the year, to the Infirmary, on the part of members of the medical profession. There have been 350 cases of aural disease recorded on the books of the Infirmary, 1681 visits made by patients under treatment, 31 operations on the ear, 235 clinical services, with an average daily attendance of 8, for the year. The daily average attendance during the winter has been greater than the daily average for the year, showing an encouraging growth of the Institution. The largest number of new patients admitted in one day was nine.

The following is a list of the diseases recorded:—

I. DISEASES OF THE EAR.

EXTERNAL EAR.

Traumatic cleft of lobule,	2
Tumor in front of auricle after mumps,	1
Eczema auriculæ,	2
Eczema of both auricles,	2
Otitis externa circumscripta,	5
Otitis externa diffusa, acute,	3
Otitis externa diffusa, chronic,	1
Posticut aular abscess,	5
Foreign bodies in the ear,	1
Exostoses of the meatus,	1
Impacted cerumen,	50
Keratosi obturans,	1
Ulceration of dermoid layer of membrana tympani,	1
Scaliness and pruritus of meatus, hearing unaffected,	7
Cutaneous closure of meatus, total deafness,	1

II. DISEASES OF MIDDLE EAR.

Acute inflammation of middle ear,	6
“ “ “ “ traumatic,	3
“ “ “ “ mastoid tenderness,	1
Chronic “ “ “ perforation of drum-head,	40
“ “ “ “ with polypi,	14
“ catarrh “ “ asecretory,	60
“ “ “ “ secretory,	28
“ “ “ “ after epilepsy,	2
“ “ “ “ after scarletina,	2
“ “ “ “ after mumps,	2
“ “ “ “ after typhoid fever,	2
“ “ “ “ after disease of the throat,	11
“ “ “ “ with cicatrized membrane,	23
“ mucous accumulation, in drum-cavity with intact drum-head,	2
Vesicle on drum-head,	1
Chronic purulent inflammation of middle ear after typhoid fever. 1	
“ “ “ “ “ with paralysis of facial nerve,	1

Chronic purulent inflammation of middle ear after scarlet fever,	10
“ “ “ “ “ measles,	3
Acute catarrhal closure of eustachian tube, with altered resonance of own voice,	3
Acute catarrh of eustachian tube, with deafness,	5
“ “ “ “ “ tinnitus and deafness,	2
Chronic “ “ “ “ “	7
Excessive deafness, both ears, from a coryza	1
Tinnitus from constitutional disease, without deafness,	3
Neuralgia of middle ear, no deafness,	1
Syphilitic ozaena and deafness,	2
Non-syphilitic ozaena, without deafness,	4
Nasal catarrh after scarlatina,	2
Enlarged tonsils,	2
Inflammation of mastoid cells, removal of sequestrum, temporary paralysis of facial nerve,	1

III. MISCELLANEOUS AURAL DISEASES.

Tinnitus at the menopause,	1
Tinnitus of the insane and hallucinations, with normal hearing,	1
Deaf-mutes,	2
Absolute deafness from cerebro-spinal meningitis,	4
Absolute deafness after a fall,	2
Ear-cough,	2
Other diseases referred elsewhere,	10

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The operations were as follows :—

OPERATIONS ON THE EAR.

Extraction of foreign bodies from the ear,	5
Extraction of polypi,	8
Caustic destruction of polypoid granulations,	3
Paracentesis of drum-head,	10
Puncture of vesicle of drum-head,	1
Tenotomy tensor tympani,	1
Removal of mastoid sequestrum,	1
Operations for uniting cleft lobule of ear,	2

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The following list will show the character of the people your charity has reached :—

Bakers,	5	Operators on sewing-mach. .	2
Bartenders,	2	Painters,	2
Blacksmith,	1	Patternmakers,	2
Bookbinders,	2	Plasterers,	2
Boilermakers,	3	Porters,	3
Boatmen,	2	Pressfeeder,	1
Carpenters,	10	Saddlers,	2
Chemical works,	2	Salesman,	1
Clerks,	4	School children,	40
Coachmakers,	2	Seamstresses,	5
Coachmen,	2	Shoecutters,	2
Coopers,	3	Shoemakers,	7
Conductors,	2	Sheet iron workers,	2
Domestics,	30	Soapmakers,	2
Dressmakers,	6	Stereotypers,	2
Engraver,	1	Stockingmakers,	2
Firemen,	4	Storegirls,	4
Filemaker,	1	Stovemoulder,	1
Furnacemaker,	1	Tailors,	3
Hostler,	1	Teacher,	1
Housekeepers,	39	Tobacconist,	1
Indigo-maker,	1	Waiters,	2
Infants,	24	Washerwomen,	5
Laborers,	37	Watchmen,	2
Lincoln Institute pupil,	1	Weavers,	16
Millhands,	7	Wheelwright,	1
Marble polisher,	1	Workers in wood,	2
Machinists,	4	No occupation, aged,	29
Milliners,	5		
Moulder,	1		
Office-boys,	2		
		Total,	350

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. BURNETT, M. D.,

Surgeon-in-Charge.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Individual contributions,	\$295 00
Amount received from the Executors of Jesse George, deceased,	1000 00
Interest on balance on deposit,	11 00
	<u>\$1306 00</u>

EXPENSES.

Rent of premises, No. 419 Wetherill street, one year, and attendance,	\$162 00
Advertising Infirmary, cards, &c.,	62 20
Furniture and signs for Infirmary,	21 40
Costs paid Clerk Court and Recorder in obtaining charter,	18 75
	<u>\$264 35</u>
Balance,	1041 65
Total,	<u>\$1306 00</u>

G. C. PURVES,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,

H. C. TOWNSEND,
Auditing Committee.

Philadelphia, March 29, 1875.

DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS
TO THE
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1874.

Ferdinand J. Dreer,	\$50 00
Lewis D. Harlow, M.D.,	50 00
J. F. Weightman, M.D.,	10 00
C. H. Burnett, M.D.,	25 00
Cash,	5 00
Henry C. Townsend,	30 00
G. C. Purves,	25 00
George W. Childs,	20 00
M. R.,	25 00
Mrs. Henry Tilge,	25 00
William Purves,	5 00
Wm J. Swain, gratuitous advertisement in the " <i>Record</i> ," of the Infirmary,	31 20
" <i>Evening Star</i> ," discount on advertising,	5 50
Estate of Jesse George, deceased,	1000 00

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS, AS FAR AS RECEIVED,
FOR 1875.

Ferdinand J. Dreer,	\$25 00
Louis A. Duhring, M.D.,	5 00
Caleb Cope,	5 00
William Purves,	5 00
Henry C. Townsend,	5 00
G. C. Purves,	5 00
C. H. Burnett, M.D.,	5 00
J. F. Weightman, M.D.,	10 00

